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Employee Suggestion - [REDACTED] No. 174

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A. Information about the Suggestor:

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& Planning

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B. Summary of the Suggestion:

The suggestor proposes that wooden wedges be made for the purpose of propping open swinging-type emergency fire doors and outside emergency exit doors of CIA buildings in order that personnel can move unobstructed in and out of the buildings, during the execution of air raid and fire evacuation programs.

C. Evaluation:

The Chief, Security Control Staff, Security Office states that, ". . . Wedges holding outside doors open could themselves form a tripping hazard. Further, if wedges are used for these doors and not removed after an air raid drill, they would allow, in case of a fire, both fire and smoke to spread throughout the wing." The above conclusions were reached after a consultation with other officials within the Office of Security and in view of the above conclusions the Security Office is of the opinion that the use of wedges on emergency exits or fire doors should not be allowed.

D. Note:

Rejection of this suggestion appears indicated for the reasons stated above. A commendatory letter expressing the Committee's appreciation is recommended.

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